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\$839 BILLION**

**ANNUAL COST OF UNIVERSAL
PROVISION OF BASIC SERVICES IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:
\$80 BILLION**

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BUDGET:
\$75 BILLION**

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HEALTHCARE AND NUTRITION FOR
EVERYONE IN THE WORLD:
\$15 BILLION**

**STEALTH BOMBER PROJECT:
\$48 BILLION**

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Lisa Currin





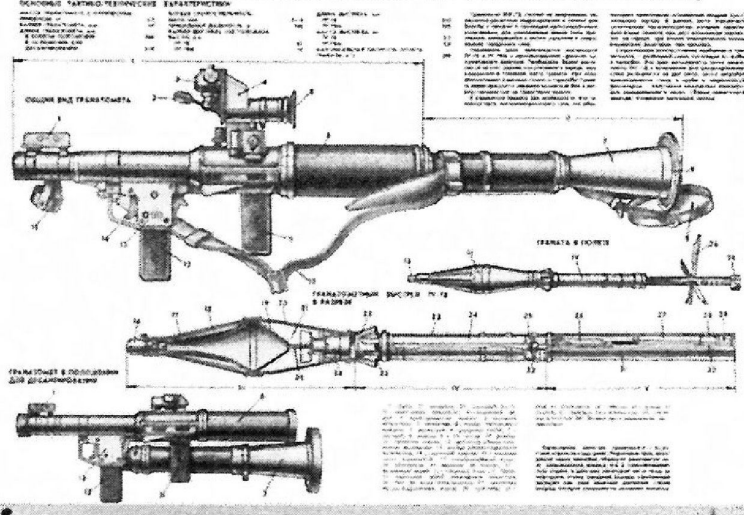
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"the West won the world not by the
superiority of its ideas or values or
religion but rather by its superiority
in applying organized violence.
Westerners often forget this fact,
non-Westerners never do."

Samuel P. Huntington



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U.S military Humvee destroyed by RPG fire in Baghdad



Mexicans Revolt Against the National Elections
July 6, 2003

The People's Front in Defence of the Land (Frente de Pueblos en Defensa de la Tierra) asked people to abstain from voting in Mexico's national elections on July 6, 2003.

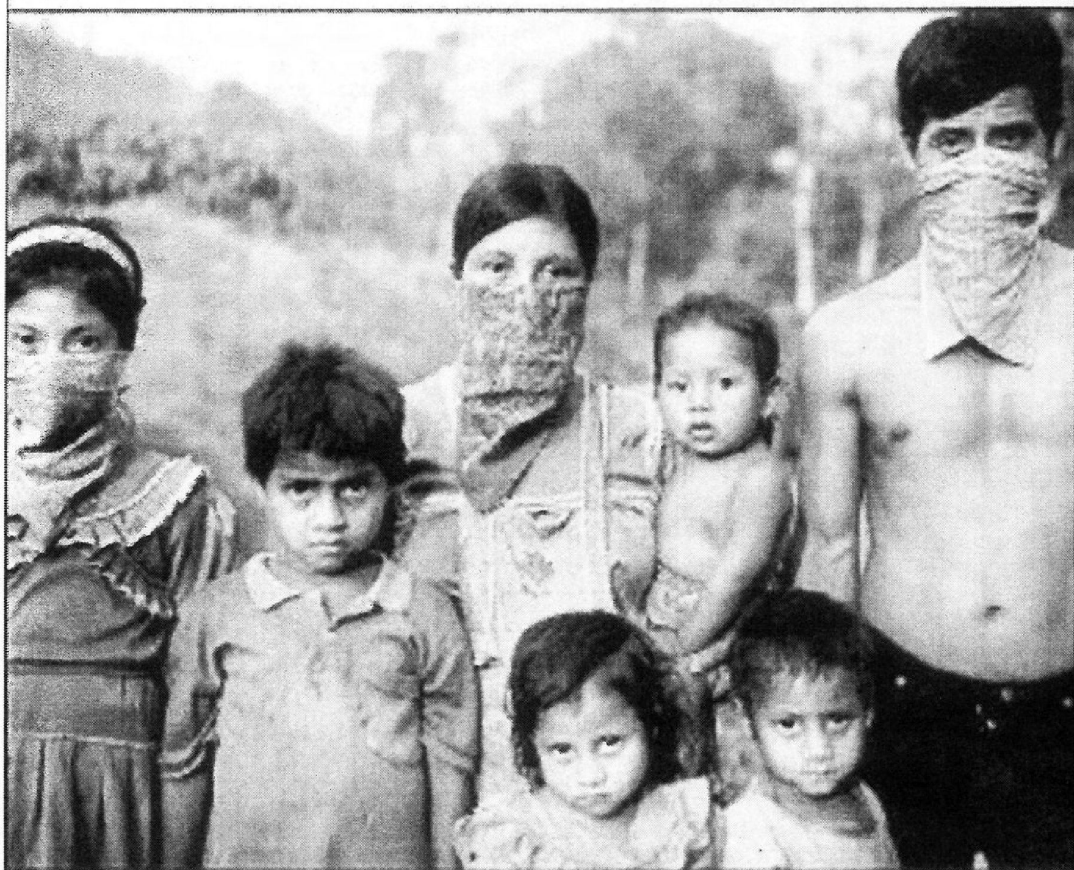
In Chiapas, more than 200 Zapatistas attacked voting booths and burned ballots.

Residents of the autonomous town of San Salvador Atenco set up barricades in the streets and set them on fire. Farmers vandalized advertisements for political parties, attacked polling booths and tried to prevent people from voting. An insurrection in Atenco last year forced the Mexican government to abandon plans to build a new airport on farmland in the area, after Atenco residents burned police vehicles and took police officers hostage.

Mexico Indymedia called the elections a farce and said that 50 percent of the total registered voters had chosen to abstain from the process.

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"Land, water, air, genes and natural
resources must cease being commodities
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TO COMMUNAL OWNERSHIP



Ecology and Anarchism

The world is facing an environmental crisis of staggering proportions.

"Greenhouse effect", "deforestation", "acid rain" and other such terms have become familiar to everyone; it's become nearly impossible to find someone without an opinion on genetic modification. At the same time, exploitation of natural resources has become a violent orgy of economic globalization backed by the ever-present threat of armed intervention.

This self-destructive streak isn't short-sightedness or stupidity, rather it is inherent in the nature of capitalism. It is evident, of course, that the greatest profits are those that are made with the smallest expenditure. Cheap resources, manufacture, waste disposal, labour, compliance costs are thus necessary to "stay competitive". Environmental protection is a second thought – after all, it's far cheaper to dump toxic waste than to treat it. Adding to that problem is the driving force of economic growth: markets must expand, new resources must be tapped, operational costs must be cut, more and more products must be sold.

The results are familiar. Disposable products are manufactured in place of reusable alternatives, many non-disposable products are designed to break as soon as possible to keep sales up. Biodegradable starch-based plastics are kept off the market in favour of cheaper petroleum-based plastics. In what should be a grotesque joke, waste is exported to be dumped in the Third World when it becomes illegal or unprofitable to dump domestically. Where organic crops have become available, they have become more expensive than "normal" crops, despite the fact that it is in fact cheaper to grow crops organically.

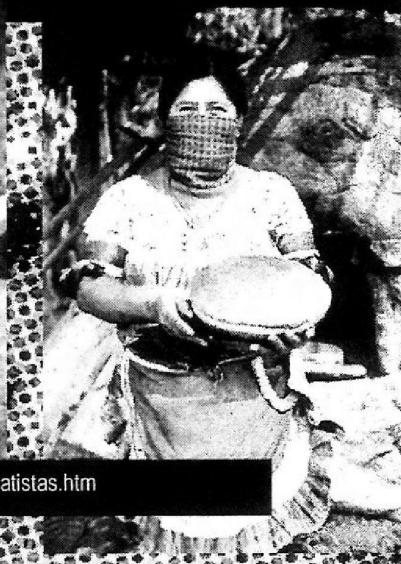
The political elite, far from slowing the problem, has invariably sided with the economic elite. In the name of "economic growth" and "encouraging investment" environmental protection has been abandoned. To go against corporate interests means just one thing to the state – the destruction of its own revenue from tax.

It is telling that no number of environmental movements, Green MPs or even public opposition has done very little to slow the progression of this crisis. Against public wishes, the GE moratorium in Aotearoa is to be lifted this October. Waste production continues to increase, loss of biodiversity is as serious as ever before, virtually no progress has been made on controlling emissions. Alternative energy sources or materials are not even discussed. To add injury to the proverbial insult, the NGO and media representatives that have walked out from the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002 were followed to a city square by the South African riot police, who proceeded to beat them with batons.

What then, is a solution to this crisis?

The anarchist argument has remained quite simple and consistent. No amount of reform can be applied to fix ecological problems, since the need for economic growth and increased profits means capitalism is inherently anti-ecological. Radical change is very much necessary and any real solution must embrace several strategies. Land, water, air, genes and natural resources must cease being commodities and return to communal ownership and communal control. Industry must be re-oriented towards satisfying human needs rather than expanding; to this end industry should also become controlled directly by all workers rather than by an autocratic elite. Finally, the local community should be responsible for all decisions that affect the local environment.

These radical ideas have already been implemented in some parts of the world. In Zapatista-controlled territories in Mexico, where crops are grown by egalitarian cooperatives, the practice of clearing forest for coffee plantations has been replaced by small-scale intensive agriculture: coffee trees are grown and harvested under the jungle canopy, without the native environment being damaged at all. In Cuba, after decades of damaging tobacco and sugar cane monoculture, land is now made freely available to those that need it to grow food. The local council, rather than the central government, is responsible for allocating communally-farmed plots. The result has been the establishment of thousands of organic community gardens and an increase in both the quality and the quantity of food – disproving once and for all that large-scale organic farming is inefficient or impractical.



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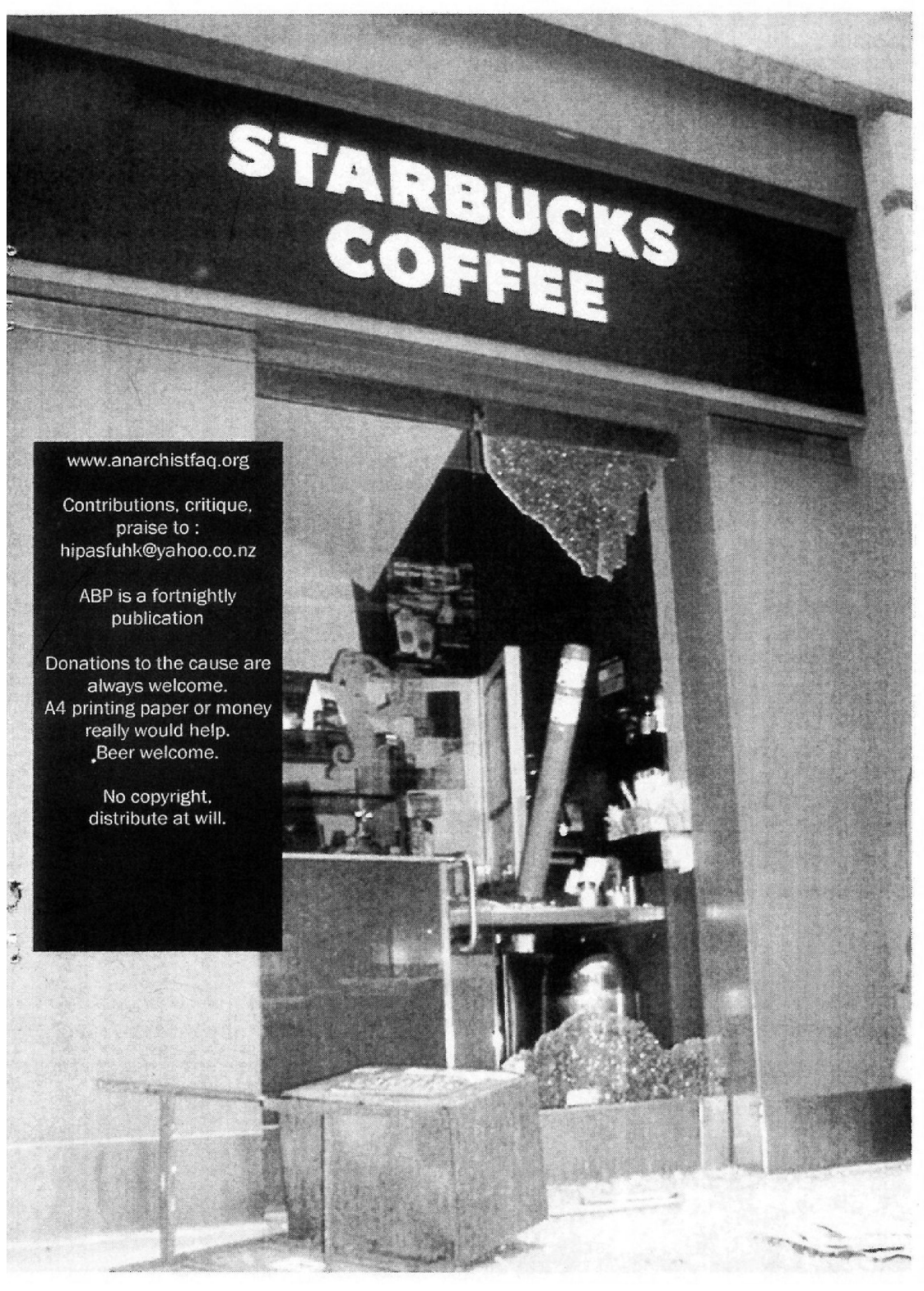
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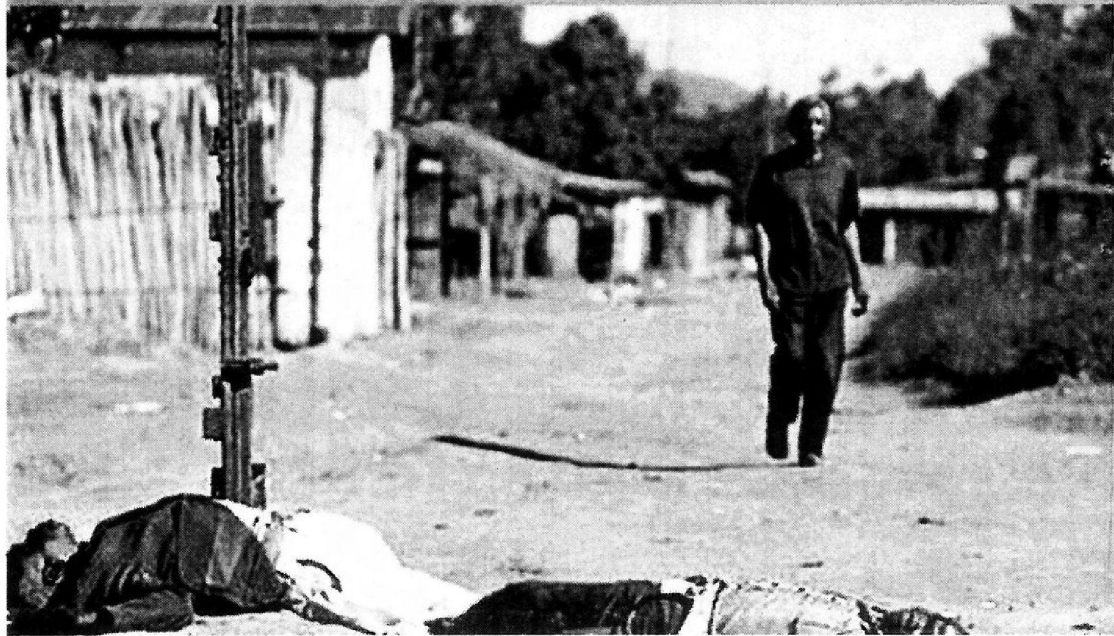
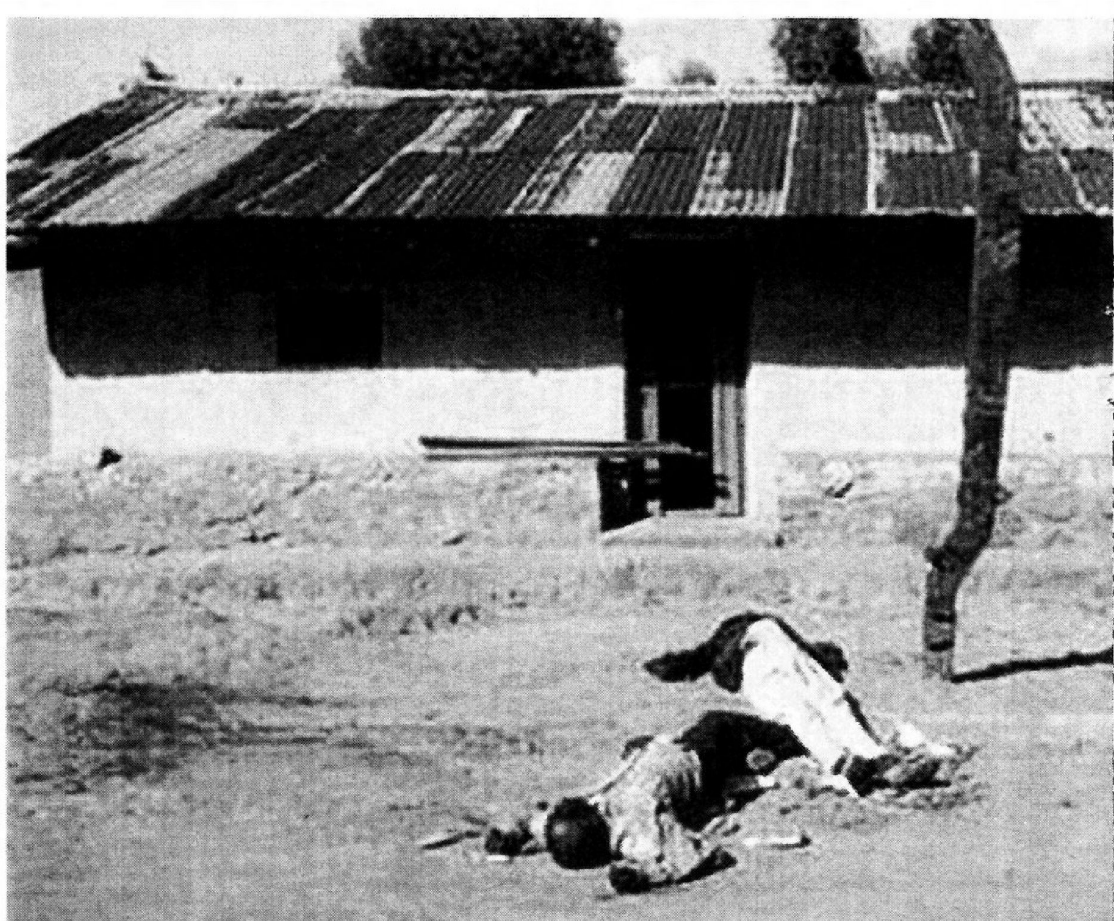
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Equatorial Africa: A Quiet Genocide



President George W. Bush meets with President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda Friday, July 11, 2003 in Entebbe, Uganda

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

President Bush's recent visit to Uganda generated no controversy in the world's media - after all, it was all over and done with in 4 hours.

To millions of Africans this visit was an outrage.

You see, the man he has come to visit is a war criminal.

Yoweri Kaguta Museveni has remained president since seizing power in 1986 after a civil war that has claimed 100000 lives. As the head of the National Resistance Movement (NRM) and the country, he is responsible for hand-picking his cabinet ministers and the suspension of all rival political parties. While life expectancy in Uganda is only 44 years and a third of the population is illiterate, over US\$120 million is spent on the armed forces - which are employed in support of a civil war in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Speaking of Uganda, the Assistant Secretary of State for African affairs, Walter Kansteiner has called Uganda "an important player in the war against terrorism." Nothing could make the irony bitterer than the fact that somewhere in the busy 4-hour schedule Bush and Museveni signed the Article 98 treaty. This guarantees that neither country would surrender the other's citizens to the International Criminal Court without the consent of both sides.

This treaty might be handy for any number of Museveni's Ugandan People's Defense Force (UPDF) staff. The misleadingly named Congolese Rally for Democracy (RCD Wamba) based in the Ituri has been lent a considerable amount of support to aid Uganda's access to the region's natural resources. Even though it has no diamond mines, Uganda has become an exporter of diamonds. Until their withdrawal in May 2003, 6000 Ugandan troops were the de-facto authority in the area. A number of high ranking UPDF officers had profited from looting natural resources in the area: extracting gold from the Kilo Moto mines, coltan (columbite-tantalite, a chemical used in manufacturing cell phones), diamonds and chopping down the jungle for timber. The Canadian Heritage Oil Corporation used the protection to prospect for oil. Waves of mass killing and sexual violence drove off most of the 300,000 original inhabitants: only 10,000 remain, mostly in and around the UN buildings, while at least 50,000 have been killed.

The 750 French and British troops sent there under the moral aegis of a UN mission have been able to do little to contain the RCD Wamba faction - the rebels were trained by Uganda to take over the functions previously served by the UPDF. Economic control of the area remains with the Ugandan establishment. Of the 600 police sent to the area, at least 500 have run away.

The rival RCD Goma have been receiving arms from Rwanda – along with support from their armed forces and ex-armed forces members believed to be responsible for the 1994 genocide of 800,000 people in Rwanda. Most of the 35-50,000 Rwandan Patriotic Army staff have withdrawn to Rwanda to be greeted with ceremonies at the frontier; the battalions that specialize in mining have remained in place albeit without the uniforms, while a large number of others have obtained Congolese passports. The local currency has been replaced with Rwandan currency. Water, power and transportation directors have been replaced with Rwandan businessmen.

In areas where 11,000 Zimbabwe Defence Forces staff have been deployed to aid Congo's government forces, senior ZDF officers have enriched themselves under the auspices of payment for military services. Proposals have been made to set up a Mauritius-based company jointly owned by Zimbabwe and Congo and to set up a private military company to protect Zimbabwe's interests in Congo. These interests include Gecamines (Congo's largest copper mining company – seized by Zimbabwean military) and diamond mines. While more people have been killed by disease or famine than by fighting, Zimbabwe has also obtained 500,000 hectares to grow corn, rice, sweet potatoes and soya beans – as cash crops.

Congolese have little faith that the French intervention is anything more than a part of a programme to protect the US\$16 billion investments in Africa by French business. They certainly have a right to be suspicious. Over 4000 French troops have been sent to prop up the government of Côte d'Ivoire against insurgents, shortly after new oil discoveries.

So what is the official story offered up to the US, anyway?

Well, according to Kansteiner, Uganda is "a good friend and key ally." Of the seven nations involved in the conflict, Uganda was one of the six that have been given a total of US\$220 million in arms and training by the US.

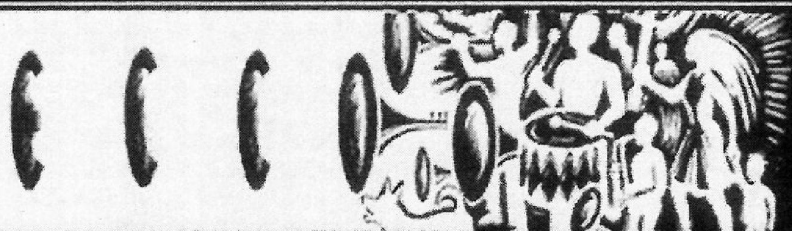
Speaking from Washington a week before his trip, flanked by national security advisor Condoleezza Rice, Bush dismissed the rumours that his first visit to Africa is motivated by economic interests.

"Conspiracy theories abound," said Bush to assorted press corps, "We've been thinking about Africa since I was sworn in."



Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

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The School Of The Americas:

A Terrorist Training Camp beyond Osama Bin Ladens' wildest dreams.

Translated from Spanish by ARM. This article is taken from popular Anarchist publication CNT "Confederacion nacional del trabajo" (National Confederation of Labour – an anarcho syndicalist union in Spain).

"Whatever government supports those outside of the law and those who murder innocents- announced Dubya the day bombs dropped on Afghanistan- will also make itself illegal and a murderer of innocents. Take this path at your own peril"

Ironical that he said "whatever government" because one government urgently requires attention, one which has not yet been identified as a sponsor of terrorism.

More than fifty years ago a terrorist training camp was established whose victims far outnumber those victims of the New York attacks and various Al-Qaeda bombings.

This camp is called Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Co-operation. It is found in Fort Benning, Georgia, and is financed by the Dubya administration. Until February 2002 it was called the School Of the Americas (SOA) and since 1946 it has trained more than 60,000 Latin American police and soldiers.

Among those who have received their qualification there are some of the most infamous torturers, mass murderers, dictators and state terrorists of the Latin American continent. As hundreds of pages of documentation gathered by the pressure group **SOA Watch** (www.soawatch.org) have shown, Latin America has been torn to pieces by the men who have passed through the SOA's corridors and classrooms.

In June of 2001 Colonel Byron Lima Estrada, trainee of the SOA, was convicted of the assassination of bishop Juan Gerardi in 1998. Gerardi was assassinated for his contribution to a report on the atrocities of the D-2; the Guatemalan intelligence agency, led by Lima Estrada with the help of two other men also trained by the SOA.

The D-2 coordinated the "anti-insurrectionary" campaign which destroyed 448 Mayan Indian villages and murdered tens of thousands of their inhabitants. 40% of the members from the genocidal regimes of Lucas Garcia, Rios Montt and Mejia Victores were trained by the SOA.

In 1993 the UN commission for truth in El Salvador identified army officials as being perpetrators of the worst crimes of the civil war. Two-thirds of them had been trained by the SOA. Among them were death squad leader Roberto D'Aubisson, the perpetrators of archbishop Oscar Romero's assassination and 15 of the 26 soldiers who killed Jesuits in 1989.

In Chile Augusto Pinochet's secret police and the commanders of his 3 main concentration camps were led by men trained by the SOA.

Argentinian dictators Roberto Viola and Leopoldo Galtieri, Panamanians Manuel Noriega and Omar Torrijos, Peruvian Juan Velasco Alvarado and Ecuadorian Guillermo Rodriguez gave effect to their sadistic knowledge received from the SOA.

Other careers made possible were those of the leaders of Peruvian death squad "Grupo Colina". Four of the five officials who controlled "Batallion 3-16" in Honduras and the commandant responsible for the massacre in Ocosingo, Mexico in 1994 put their training to its intended use.

All this, say apologists/defenders of the school is ancient history.

But the men trained by the SOA are fighting the current dirty war in Colombia with the support of the US. In 1999, the US Department of State report on human rights cited two SOA-trained men as the assassins of peace commissioner Alex Lopera. In 2001 Human Rights Watch revealed 7 men hailing from the SOA commanded Colombian paramilitary groups. Currently the school receives more students from Colombia than from any other country. The FBI defines terrorism as "violent acts aimed at intimidating the civilian population, to influence the politics of a government or to interfere with the politics with a government" - a definition which precisely defines the actions of the SOA.

But how can we be sure that this training centre has had a part of this terrorist violence?

In 1996 the US Government was forced to publish seven manuals used for training in the school. Among other advice given to terrorist cadets, the following was recommended for the families of witnesses; blackmail, detention, torture and execution.

In 2001, thanks to the campaign brought about by SOA Watch, many members of the US congress tried to shut down the school. They were defeated by ten votes. The Chamber of Representatives voted to close it then to immediately open again under another name. The School of the Americas washed it's hands of past crimes by taking the name of Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Co-operation. As the colonel of the SOA explained immediately before the Congress' vote:

"Some of our bosses said we couldn't maintain something called 'the School of the Americas'. Our proposition responds to this pre-occupation. The name has changed".

Paul Coverdell the senator of Georgia who battled to save the School declared to the press that the changes will be "Fundamentally cosmetic".

Visit the website of WHISC and you will see that "School Of the Americas" has been practically eliminated as a name. The name is also avoided in the page titled "history". According to WHISC, it's courses "cover an ample spectrum of relevant areas, such as operative planning for peace operations, help in case of disasters, civilian-military operations; tactical planning and execution of anti-drug operations."

There are pages and pages describing WHISC's human rights initiatives. The site doesn't give information on combat, commando, anti-insurrectional and interrogatory techniques. It doesn't speak of the fact that options for "peace" and "human rights" are offered solely to cheat Congress and to preserve financing. We can't seriously believe that this terrorist training camp is reforming itself: After all it rejects the recognition of it's own past so it is doesn't have to speak of the possibility of learning from it.

Given that the proof of the connection between the School and the atrocities that continue in Latin America today are more crushing than the connection between Al-Qaeda terrorist training camps and the attacks on New York- What should we do with "bad guys" of Fort Benning, Georgia? Well we could charge our governments with the task of putting maximum diplomatic pressure to obtain the extradition of the commandants who administer Fort Benning so they may be processed for complicity with crimes against humanity.

Alternatively we could ask our government to bomb the US, attack its' military installations, cities and airports. All this in hope of toppling the non-elected US government and substituting with a government controlled by the UN. If this proposition is unpopular we could win hearts and minds by airdrops of plastic boxes filled with naan-bread and curry. You would say this proposal is ridiculous, and you would be right. But I can't see the difference between this proposal and the actions of the US in it's assault on Afghanistan.



It's official: We love our bosses and

WE ARE happy in our work and most of us think our bosses are "excellent" or "good" at their jobs.

A new study reveals nearly nine out of 10 workers are satisfied with their roles and a similar number trust employers to keep their promises to staff.

The University of Auckland

Business School report into employee attitudes also shows New Zealanders are more positive about their work than people in Britain or America.

One of the study authors professor Peter Boxall said: "The average New Zealand worker is enjoying their work and rates the company as a

good employer. Admittedly we have surveyed New Zealand workers in the best economic conditions for a decade but where we are now seen to be a pretty good balance of power between employers and workers. According to the findings respondents said relations between employees and managers

...d don't want to be paid more

...good. This compares to just 67% of people in the US and 70% in the UK who gave similar responses in earlier surveys.

Workers also rate their bosses highly when it comes to concern for employees and making work enjoyable, only 15% of the 1000 people questioned were unhappy with their

managers when asked about fair pay increases.

Boxall, head of the university's management and employment relations department, said being in a small society probably helped contribute to the findings.

"Here individuals count for something. There is more alienation in

huge countries where you go to work and it's hard to feel any personal significance in what you do.

"I think this report shows we have a pretty healthy labour market and the state of employment relations is as good as it has ever been."

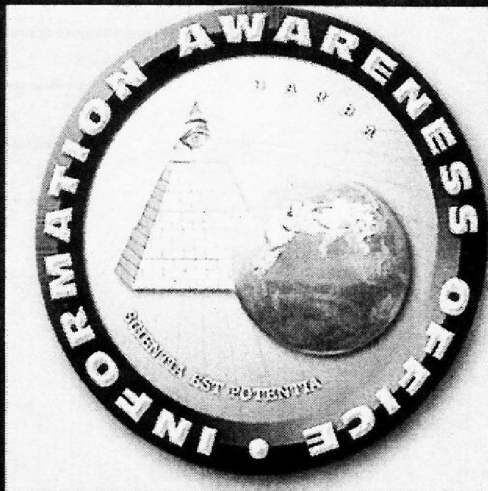
- Matthew Lowe

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Information Awareness Office Website Deletes Its Logo

>>> The U.S government's Information Awareness Office—you know, the Defense agency that's running the Total Information Awareness Program, the huge databases that will track everything about everyone in the US and beyond, helmed by convicted felon John Poindexter (Iran Contra)—keeps getting more shy. First, the IAO took down the biographies of its senior staff.



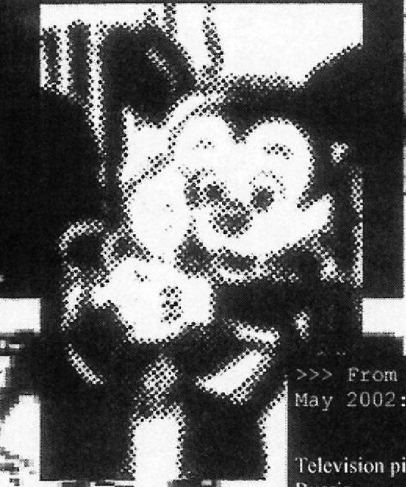
Now, the IAO has removed its eye-death-ray logo, which was denounced far and wide as being Orwellian, Masonic, and just plain creepy as hell. The banner also used to contain the IAO's slogan, "*Scientia est potentia*," which is Latin for, "Knowledge is power."

The Memory Hole has mirrored them @ memoryhole.org/policestate



"The Illegal we do immediately. The unconstitutional takes a little longer."
Henry Kissinger, New York Times, Oct. 28, 1973





>>> From "Outcry as Policeman Punches Child" by the BBC, 22 May 2002: an interesting story most would not have heard.

Television pictures of a policeman punching a child in the face have shocked viewers in Russia.

The image was captured in Vladivostok, as police attempted to deal with a picket staged by fishermen and their families.

The footage shows a policeman involved in angry exchanges with one of the protesters, a young mother carrying her daughter in her arms.

As the argument continues, the policeman advances and lashes out with his fist, punching the child in the face....

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